

Materials

The Ballard Civic Center Park is meant to be the heart of the community for the next 50-100 years, and the materials used in the park are durable, supporting of the civic nature of this community gathering place. Elemental materials of stone, concrete, wood, water, plants and light are used throughout the park in a simple elegant manner.

Design influences include the natural environment and culture of Ballard, the Ballard Civic Center Master Plan, the Ballard Library, and the modern tradition of Scandinavian design.

Planting
Design Objective: The planting design is spatially simple - a large lawn, low planting in beds, and a canopy of trees. Visibility throughout the park is maintained. Plantings will vary in character. The sunny southeastern area has fine textured ornamental grasses and groundcovers in keeping with the shoreline environment and the shell art and water play in the plaza. The shadier northern and western areas are planted with an evergreen and deciduous grove of trees.

Location: Lawn areas are located in the north and southwest areas of the park. Planting beds occur within the street right-of-way, along the western edge of the park, and on the eastern edges of the skate facility and the plaza. Street trees line three sides of the park, and a grove of trees occupy the northwest corner.

Materials: Street trees on 22nd Ave NW are small native species such as vine maple or serviceberry. The eastern edge of the park and the northern street trees are large deciduous species, such as tulip trees, oaks, or Chinese elms. Smaller trees such as maples along 56th and in the plaza allow more sunlight for the seating areas and water play. The large plaza specimen tree is a London plane, oak, or Japanese pagoda tree. The grove of trees are birch and pine or hemlock.

Plant beds in the southern and eastern area contain ornamental grasses such as lily turf, blue oat grass, and moor grass as well as sedums and other groundcovers similar to the Ballard Library. The shadier areas to the north and west will include sword and deer ferns, low Oregon grape, sedges, and other plants found in our natural environment.

Park Use

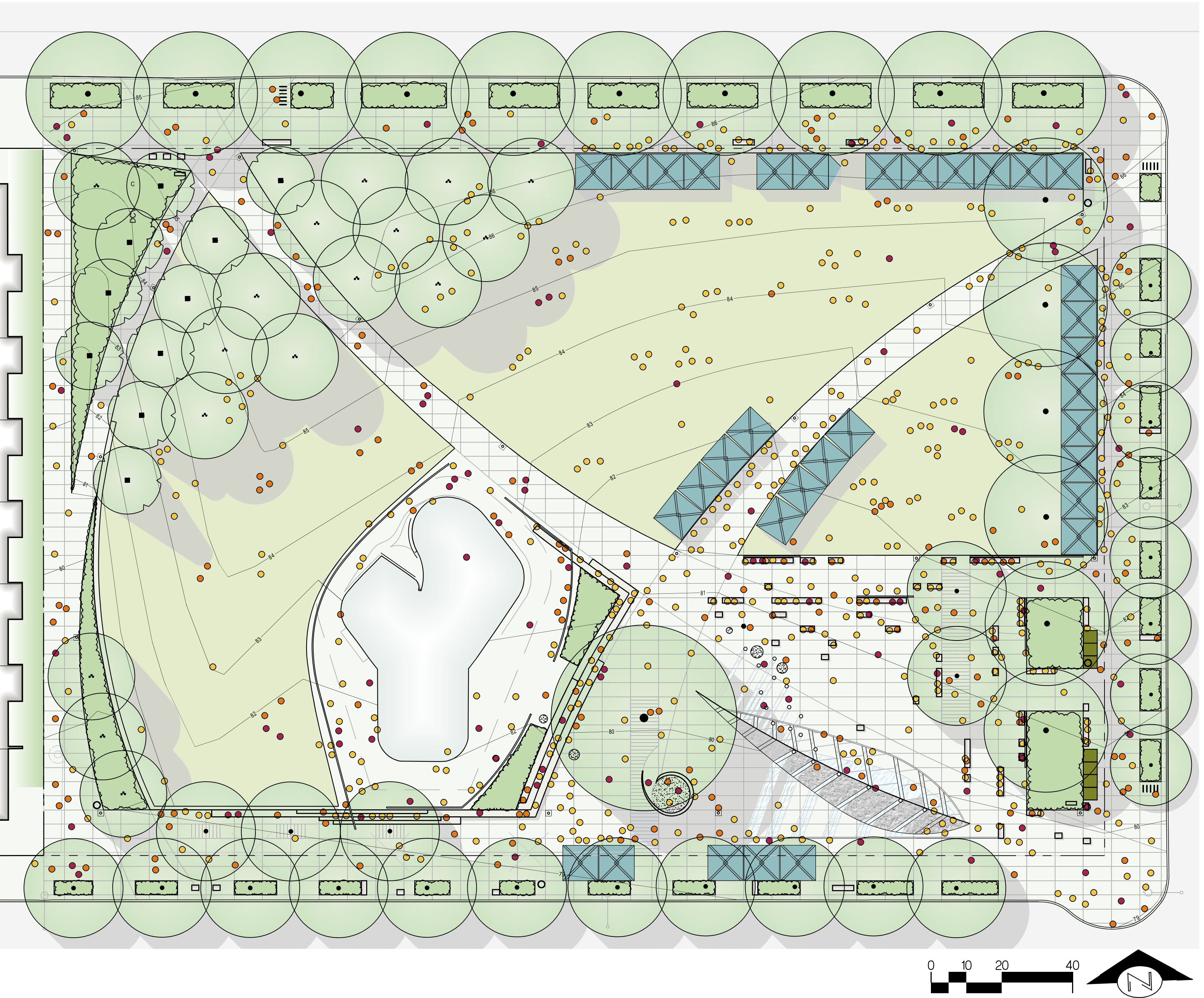
The Ballard Civic Center Park is intended to be inviting to visitors of all ages who engage in a range of active and passive pursuits for an extended day during all seasons. The park supports a variety of uses from solitary activities through group endeavors and community events. It is designed to work when empty or full.

The use plan is an analysis of park occupancy during an ordinary day, during a sunny summer afternoon, and during a festival. Occupancy counts as illustrated are in the legend.

The site design provides clear functional separations of use areas to allow simultaneous cohabitation of multiple, disparate uses, such as skating, conversing, group readings from library staff, playing and picnicing. The relationships and design elements are structured to support people watching and multiple use where appropriate.

The locus of activity is toward the southeastern area of the park, to connect with the civic buildings to the southeast and in respect of adjacent residences to the north and west.

Use areas include the plaza with ample seating, sculptural play elements, and a water feature. The skate facility includes a bowl and limited street elements, with areas for observation and gathering along perching rails. The lawn is large enough for group play and viewing of activities as an informal amphitheater.



Materials Plan



Lighting
Design objective: Pedestrian pole lights and glowing fountain misters derive their inspiration from our maritime environment.

Location: Pole lights line all pathways and the edges of the plaza. Fiber optic lights are on plaza misters.

Materials: Pedestrian pole lights are Selux Corral fixtures with 12 foot tall aluminum straight poles. The

florescent fixture emits a soft, diffuse light for high visibility and natural appearance. Lamps have a 30,000-hour lamp life. The fiber optic system includes 1 illuminator box, and 4 heads at each mister. Color filters allow changeable effects.

Irrigation
Design Objective: A durable and efficient system designed to Park standards with the ability to become part of a future Maxicom satellite system.

Location: All planted areas are irrigated.

Materials: Controller to be Rainbird ESP-8MC with capability for upgrading to Maxicom satellite controller. All components to be compatible with Park's standards.

Paving
Design Objective: Integrate all pavement into one site composition including the right of way. Scoring pattern is modeled after Ballard Library for continuity along the 22nd Ave. NW.

Location: See plan for pedestrian pavement location. Vehicular route through the site to be along main path from NW 57th St to 22nd Ave NW.

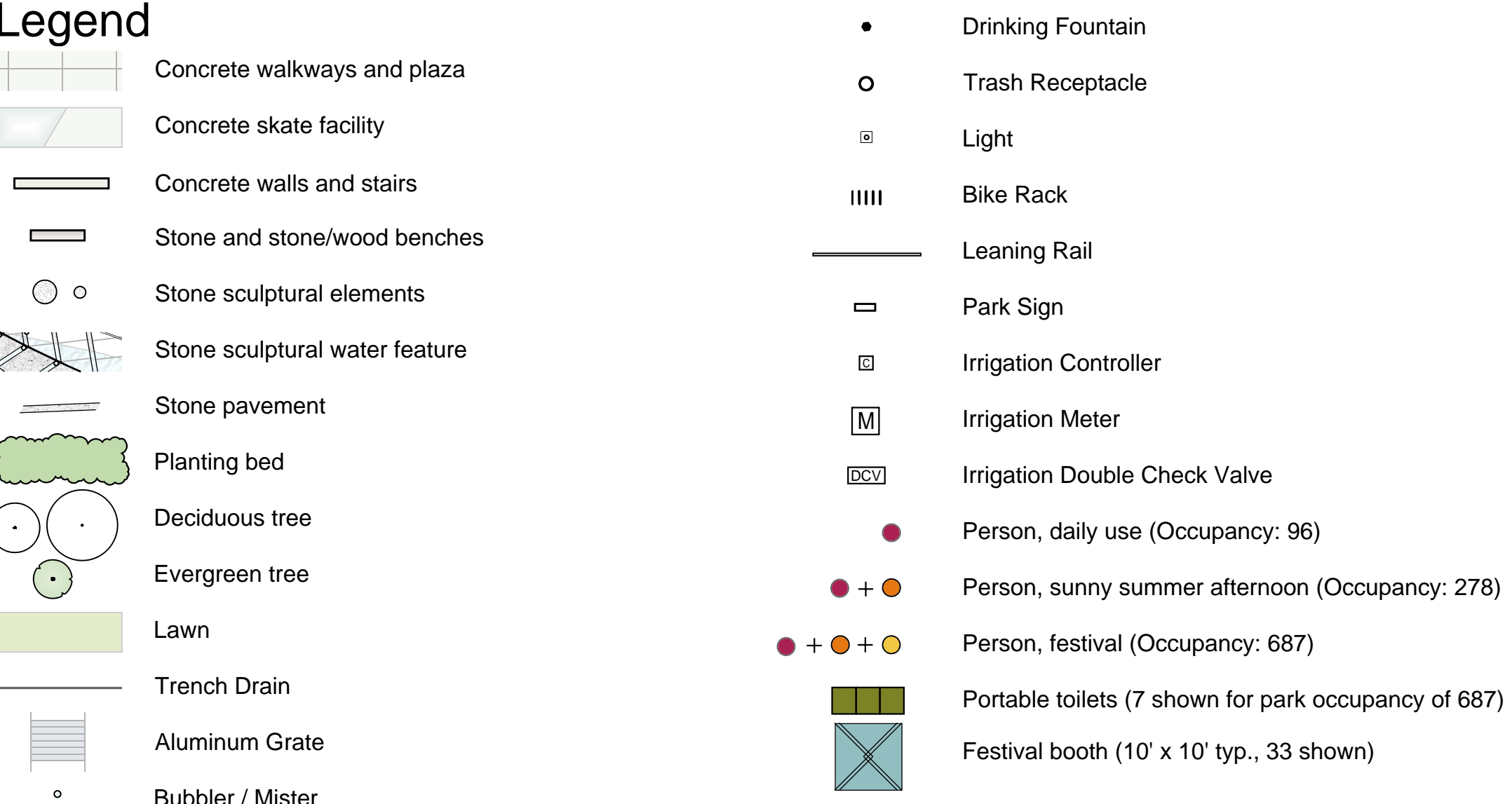
Materials: Cast-in-place 4-inch thick pedestrian concrete pathways, plaza, and sidewalks to have integral color. Vehicular pavement to be 6 inches thick.

Use Plan

Site amenities
Design Objective: Provide for multiple park uses in a comfortable, accommodating place.

Location: Park identification signs in northwest and south east entrances. Trash/recycling located along sidewalks on south and east edges. Eight electrical outlets are in the eastern half of the park. Temporary festival tents and portable toilets as shown on plan. Bike racks in north and east right-of ways.

Materials: Park standards will be applied to these materials.



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BALLARD CIVIC CENTER PARK

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